

Fact Sheet: 2011 Filing Season ReadyReturn

❑ What is ReadyReturn?

- ReadyReturn provides taxpayers with a filled-in income tax return for their final approval and submission.
- Taxpayers with simple income tax returns can use ReadyReturn.
- Taxpayers may accept the income tax return as filled-in, make changes, or choose to use another filing method entirely.
- We use the information we already have such as W-2 information, address, and filing status to complete the income tax return.

❑ How do taxpayers find out if FTB completed a ReadyReturn for them?

- Go to ftb.ca.gov or call 800.338.0505.

❑ Who is eligible to use ReadyReturn?

- Taxpayers may qualify for ReadyReturn if they filed a 2009 California resident tax return with:
 - Single or head of household filing status.
 - No more than five dependents.
 - The standard deduction.
 - No special credits claimed other than the nonrefundable renter's credit.
 - Income from wages only.
- Taxpayers who earned wages from a single employer in 2010.
- Taxpayers who can be claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return may qualify for ReadyReturn.

❑ What are the benefits of ReadyReturn?

- ReadyReturn is a free, easy, direct-to-government filing option that gives taxpayers the ability to e-file their income tax return. ReadyReturn uses the information that we already have, such as W-2 information, to provide taxpayers with a filled-in income tax return for their final approval and submission. We do most of the work, so taxpayers benefit.

❑ What if taxpayers don't qualify for ReadyReturn?

- Taxpayers may use CalFile, our user-friendly, free, online filing program. It allows taxpayers to e-file their income tax returns quickly and securely – direct to FTB. Taxpayers qualify for CalFile if they:

- Use any eligible filing status.
- Were California residents for the entire year.
- Are filing an original income tax return for the current tax year.
- Can claim up to 10 dependents.
- Had federal Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) up to:
 - \$162,186 for single and married/Registered Domestic Partners (RDP) filing separately taxpayers.
 - \$243,283 for head of household taxpayers.
 - \$324,376 for married/RDP filing jointly and qualifying widow(er) taxpayers.
- CalFile also accepts itemized deductions and some tax credits.

❑ **Volume of ReadyReturns received by process year (PY):**

PY 2005 – 11,620
PY 2006 – 10,580
PY 2007 – No pilot or program ran this process year
PY 2008 – 11,250
PY 2009 – 61,750
PY 2010 – 60,937

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